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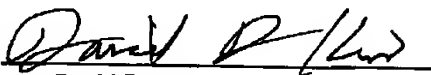
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement. Although the Examiner takes the position that the three groups of claims lack the same or corresponding special technical features, the fact remains that Group II comprising claims 23 and 24 and Group III comprising claims 25 and 26 recite the process of claim 22 in Group I. Accordingly, Groups II and III should be examined together with Group I because the special technical features of claim 22 are in fact, present in claims 23-26. Applicants submit that the Examiner should withdraw the restriction requirement altogether.

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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